

REMARKS**Status of the Claims**

Upon entry of the amendment above, claims 1-7, 9, 10, and 12-27 will be pending, claims 1, 10, and 22 being independent.

Summary of the Office Action

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as being based upon a non-enabling disclosure. The specification is also so rejected and the specification is objected to for the same reason under 37 CFR §1.71.

Claims 10, 13, and 15 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by SALAM (U.S. Patent No. 6,112,383).

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over SALAM.

Claims 1-7, 9, and 17-27 are allowed and claims 11, 12, and 14 are identified as containing allowable subject matter, but are objected to as depending from a rejected claim.

Response to the Office Action

In the amendment above, claim 8 has been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 8 and the objection to the specification with regard to the disclosure of the subject matter to which claim 8 had been directed, are believed to be overcome.

In addition, the subject matter of allowable claim 11 has been incorporated into parent claim 10. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 10, as well as the rejection of claims 13 and 15, which depend from claim 10, is believed to be overcome.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

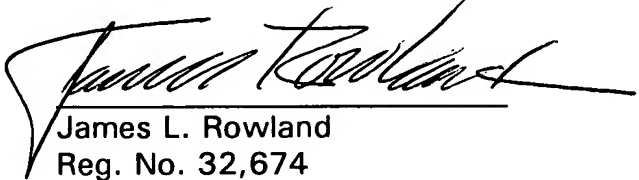
The grounds of objection and rejection advanced in the Office action have been addressed and are believed to be overcome. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the amendment and remarks above.

No fee is believed to be due at this time. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee required for acceptance of this reply as timely and complete to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Further, although no extension of time is believed to be necessary at this time, if it were to be found that an extension of time were necessary to render this reply timely and/or complete, Applicants request an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) in the necessary increment(s) of month(s) to render this reply timely and/or complete and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary extension of time fee under 37 CFR §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

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